

Passover Festival Service

Tuesday, April 14
10:30 am

Temple Emanu-El
at Lake & Arguello

Jointly sponsored and led by
the rabbis and cantors of
Temple Emanu-El
Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
Congregation Sherith Israel

Sanctuary: Service and Work

On May 4, 1986, CSZ became the first synagogue in San Francisco to adopt a Covenant of Sanctuary to support refugees who have fled violence and persecution in their homelands. We made this decision after much discussion, with a growing awareness of the large number of refugees who are coming to the Bay Area, especially from El Salvador and Guatemala. We remembered the many times that we as Jews have had to flee our homes and seek refuge in other countries.

Our Covenant commits us to raise funds to pay for the release of at least one Central American refugee who has been incarcerated by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. This will allow the refugee to remain here while seeking political asylum, rather than to be deported to face possible torture or death. Our resolution also commits us to work for the reform of laws that, as now interpreted, severely limit the availability of political asylum. We also agreed to encourage CSZ members to

take individual action to aid refugees in accordance with their consciences.

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Shabbat Sanctuary Service

Friday, April 10
8:15 pm

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Almost a year has passed. This month, on Friday, April 10, the Shabbat before Passover, the Social Action Committee will present a special Shabbat service that focuses on the theme of Sanctuary, connecting our Jewish history with that of current refugees, both Jewish and non-Jewish. The evening will also give us an opportunity to talk with refugees assisted by the Sanctuary Movement.

If you are interested in helping Central American refugees, there are many ways to do so. You can donate to CSZ's special Sanctuary bond fund. So far we have raised approximately

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You Shouldn't Miss the Seder

An overwhelming sense of glorious anticipation is sweeping the synagogue as the annual Second Night Seder draws near. With a new venue, Lehr's Greenhouse Restaurant, and promises of revitalized menus, enhanced services and lower prices, expectations for the night of Tuesday, April 14 have reached fever pitch. As reservations pour in from around the globe, the question becomes more urgent: Will you get your reservation in on time?

Because of limited space, only reservations received in the synagogue office by April 6 can be guaranteed seating. Just use the handy reservation form in this month's *Forward*. No one will be turned away because of inability to pay; just contact the Treasurer, Jerry Rosenstein, at 921-0581. There's a space on the form for you to help the synagogue with these subsidies, as well as the subsidy we provide for children's admissions. Please don't pass it over.

Don't let another moment go by before you reserve your place at the Sha'ar Zahav Seder.

A Miracle of Walking

*Far away and very long ago
Lived cruel Pharaoh and the suffering slaves;
Then came a miracle of blood and lightning
And Miriam sang on the Red Sea shore.*

Listen:

*You and I, we walked out together
Rough sand shifting beneath our feet
While white stars burned in the midnight sky;
Until a new wind rose, lifting to our faces
The scent of dawn, and hope of the sea.*

*Freedom is a miracle of walking
Bread made in haste and jagged nights of watching
A miracle we create
With a strong hand
And an outstretched heart.*

—Garry Koenigsberg

Va'ad Report

President Irene Ogas opened the Va'ad's regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 9. In his *D'var Torah*, Rabbi Kahn explained the term *kehilah kedoshah*, a holy community. We are the synagogue. Rabbi Kahn asked us to consider that being a member of Sha'ar Zahav is being a member of a holy community, committed to *tikkun olam*.

We reviewed the regional UAHC Biennial in San Rafael, which was attended by several members and officers of Sha'ar Zahav. Rabbi Kahn led a Shabbat morning service, and the Sha'ar Zahav Ensemble provided warmly received entertainment at the Convention Dinner Saturday evening.

The Va'ad decided that the Sunday, May 31 Congregational Meeting will begin at 4 p.m.

Finance Committee chair Don Albert presented a proposed (and balanced) budget for 1987/88. The Va'ad voted its preliminary approval of the budget, which, if approved at the next Va'ad meeting, will go to the membership for a vote at the May 31 Congregational Meeting. Irene thanked Don and the Finance Committee for their hard work. The Va'ad also decided to implement a Building Fund Assessment fee, which will be set at \$30 per adult wage earner.

Rabbi Kahn reported on his recent trip to Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, where he addressed groups of students and met with individual students, faculty, and staff there, educating them about gay and lesbian Jews and Sha'ar Zahav.

The Va'ad approved Eric Keitel's motion to accept four new members. Irene read a list of eight candidates running for the five seats on the Va'ad that will become vacant, meaning this year's election is contested.

Eric reported on plans to celebrate CSZ's Tenth Anniversary on Saturday, August 8. Plans are to encourage as many people as possible to attend this event.

Social Action chair Ami Zusman reported on the success of the Tenderloin Shabbat program in which several of Sha'ar Zahav's members participated.

Irene noted that two members

dedicated rooms at the Coming Home Hospice; one of the rooms is dedicated in memory of the members of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav who have died of AIDS.

UAHC Liaison Mike Rankin reported he is writing an article for the next issue of *Keeping Posted*, which will discuss AIDS. A three-hour workshop on AIDS will be included in this year's national UAHC Biennial in Chicago. Mike distributed copies of the resolution on AIDS passed by the delegates to the Fifteenth Biennial Convention of the Northern California Council of the UAHC on March 1.

Notable at this meeting of the Va'ad was the unanimous approval of all the motions made, and this productive meeting ended with the customary singing of *Oseh Shalom*.

—Ben Schalit, Recorder

Anniversaries

- 13 Mirtha Beal & Ellen Fisher
- 13 Jane Boskoff Graeven & Mark Graeven
- 21 Ora Prochovnick & Rena Frantz
- 24 Howard Taske & Steffan Powers

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our Congregation gained several new members in March. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family, including:

Michael Pierce
Steven Polsky
Lynne Scarper
Shana Winokur

New members are welcomed and honored at Friday night services on the last Friday of the month. By making them feel a part of our family, we can all help to show our new members that they have a valuable place at Sha'ar Zahav.

Condolences

We at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav extend our sympathy to the following members who have suffered a recent loss:

To **Walter Palmer** on the recent loss of his friends, Pete Zimmerman and Roger Harrington.

To **Jerry Rosenstein** on the recent loss of his aunt, Liselotte Bendheim.

To **Bernard Pechter** on the recent loss of his aunt, Betty Pechter; and his cousin, Jerry Reichman.

To **Richard Inlander** on the recent loss of his uncle, Kenny Lewin.

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Members of the Congregation receive the *Forward*. For a donation of \$12/year, non-members will receive the *Forward*.

All newsletter copy should be typed, double-spaced and is due no later than the date of the Va'ad meeting. It should be sent to the synagogue office, marked to the attention of the *Forward*.

Members of the Newsletter Committee are Bob Goldware (Articles Coordinator), Jay Feinstein (Advertising Coordinator), Allan Altman, Alex Ingersoll, Garry Koenigsberg, Alita Rosenfeld and David Stein (general editorial and production); Amy Blasenheim (photos); Frank Hyman, Chuck Norton, Ben Schalit, Sam Thal and Eli Weinstein (distribution). The *Forward* is typeset by David Lester.

Display Ads are \$15 per column inch for non-members and \$10 per column inch for members, with discounts available for size and frequency. Contact Jay Feinstein (621-7152) for specific rates. Ads should be camera ready; any ads that require typesetting, camera and/or artwork will be subject to a one-time production charge.

Classified Ads are \$5.00 for up to 20 words, plus \$1.00 for each 10 additional words.

Payment must accompany ad and should be sent to Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, 220 Danvers at Caselli, San Francisco, California 94114, marked attention *Forward* advertising. The advertising deadline is the 10th of the month. The *Forward* reserves the right to reject any ad for reasons of taste. For more information on advertising rates and charges, call the synagogue office at 861-6932.

Children's Seder

On Saturday, April 18, the Children's Havurah will hold a "mini-seder" from 11 am to 1 pm at the synagogue. The Hagadah will be designed with the children especially in mind, but everyone is cordially invited.

We'll need special planning for food this time. Please call Mary Morgan or Roberta Achtenberg at 648-2257, so they can help you figure out what to bring.

This will be a "singing seder," so warm up your voices and come prepared to enjoy a wonderful time with our younger set!

For more information, call Sue at 534-1606, Jill at 534-2339, or the Sha'ar Zahav office.

—Sue Douglass, Co-chair
Children's Havurah

Women's Havurah

Magnes Museum Tour

Sunday, April 12, is the date for a docent tour of the Judah L. Magnes Museum for members of the Women's Havurah and their women friends.

The current exhibits are *Jewish Themes: Northern California Artists*; *The Way of an Eagle in the Air: Serigraphs by Shlomo Katz* and *The Jews of Djerba: Photographs by Keren Freedman*.

Reservations are a must, as the group must be limited to 20 women. Women who wish to attend should call the synagogue office no later than Monday, April 6.

The group will meet at the museum, 2911 Russell Street, Berkeley, at 11 am on Sunday morning, April 12. Donations to the museum of \$1 per person are requested. Those who wish can adjourn to an optional brunch following the tour.

Classified Ad

Seeking short-term housing a few days (1 to 4) at a time to visit ailing mother residing at Jewish Home for Aged. I live in Ashland, Oregon and visit her once a month. I have a lovely house in Ashland and would like vacation exchanges also. I have a 4½ year old daughter. Contact: Andrea Schaffer, 112½ Nutley St., Ashland, OR 97520. Phone (503) 482-4160. I'm 45, and a responsible homeowner.

Story Telling



Let us share our Shabbat: Some of our less-seasoned members gather at a special Shabbat celebration of the Children's Havurah.

PHOTO BY AMY BLASENHEIM

Women's Conference

Excitement Grows

Fifteen workshops, affinity groups, campfires and a dance party are among the many activities planned for the Women's Conference at Camp Swig, Saratoga, May 15-17.

The Conference will officially begin with a women planned and led Shabbat service on Friday, May 15, and creative rituals will continue throughout the weekend.

Although the deadline has passed for an early registration discount, at press time spaces were still available for women who have not yet registered.

Special programming for children as well as carefully planned and supervised child care will enable mothers to enjoy the conference more fully and provide the youngsters a stimulating and enjoyable experience as well.

Women who have not yet registered are urged to do so promptly. Scholarship assistance is available for members who cannot pay full fee. If you have any questions about the conference, call Betty Kalis at 221-2265.

A Family Album

On Tuesday, May 12, Karin Wandrei and Marta Wohl, co-producers of the videotape *Holocaust Family Album*, will discuss the experiences of children of Holocaust survivors, and especially what it is like being the gay child of a survivor. They will speak of how the Holocaust affected its survivors, and the sense of pain and loss, pride and resistance which with it left their children. Their presentation will incorporate readings from the script of the videotape they are producing.

Karin Wandrei, the daughter of a Czech Holocaust survivor, is a clinical social worker. Marta Wohl is the daughter of two Polish Holocaust survivors. A graphic and print artist for 13 years, she is a full-time instructor at Mission Community College.

The evening's presentation will center on the relevance of the Holocaust today, especially for the gay community. This event, sponsored by the Education Committee, will take place at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, May 12 at Sha'ar Zahav. A small donation is suggested.

—Eli Weinstein for the
Education Committee

Hope, Liberation and Redemption

In every generation, each person must see oneself as having gone forth from Egypt.

Passover falls during the month of Nisan, the first month in the Jewish calendar. (No, Rosh Hashanah falls in the seventh month. Ask Aunt Yente why.) The Exodus, Judaism's central symbol, marks the "beginning of time"—history is not the same before or after. We return to the Exodus and re-turn its story year after year without exhausting its many layers of meaning. As Passover approaches, three themes seem especially significant to me: Hope, Liberation, and Redemption.

Hope: There is no creed or confession which one must accept to be considered a good Jew. Nonetheless, I believe that hope is the primary Jewish obligation. In every generation, no matter how dark the hour, our ancestors were strengthened by the memory of our bondage and ultimate liberation from Mitzrayim. Hope is the most important *mitzvah* for only with the hope of redemption can the oppressed imagine and then create their freedom. In our congregation's liturgy, we praise the Holy One who is "faithful to bring life even when hope is dead."

Liberation is on-going. It can be difficult to consider ourselves in bondage. In truth, we are free from many of the oppressions our people have known before: economic insecurity, political and social restrictions, violence and the threat of violence. But, in truth, we are still oppressed: as gay and lesbian people, as women, as disabled people, as economically marginal individuals in a capitalist economy. We are oppressed by illness and the threat of illness. Our human condition is constantly in tension between our real freedom and our real oppression.

Redemption is collective. The Exodus does not happen to a person, family or tribe, but to an entire people. Judaism teaches that the liberation of the individual cannot be separated from that of the community. Stubbornly, our people has always resisted the temptation to accept a personal, private solution to oppression. The historical Jewish commitment to suppor-

ting the rights of others, and laboring to secure them, is grounded in our experience and memory of the Exodus.

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Our Shabbat Ha-Gadol service, on the Shabbat evening before Passover, will mark the first anniversary of our Sanctuary Covenant. At this service, we will affirm the connection between our own freedom and the freedom of all who are now oppressed.

At our Congregational Seder, we will continue to observe the ancient custom of *Me'ot Chittim*—a special appeal to provide funds for those without food at Pesach. This is an opportunity to realize the promise in the hagadah: "Let all who are hungry come and eat."

If you would like to sell your *hametz*, please contact me. Proceeds of the sale can be directed to the *Me'ot Chittim* fund.

I have to cast my lot with those who age after age, perversely,

with no extraordinary power, reconstitute the world. (Adrienne Rich)

Best wishes for a joyous and liberating Passover season,

—Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Yiddish Theater in America

A review of over 100 years of Yiddish theater in the United States is the theme of the traveling exhibition, "Hooray for Yiddish Theater in America!", opening at the Jewish Community Museum in San Francisco on April 17 and continuing through July. The exhibition, comprised of approximately 150 posters, photographs, playbills, letters and reviews, traces the emergence of the leading Yiddish acting companies.

The Jewish Community Museum is located at 121 Steuart Street. It is open from 10 am to 4 pm every day except Saturdays and Jewish/national holidays. Admission is \$2 (free to museum members). For more information, call 543-8880.

Cookbook Update

Move over Julia Child, James Beard and Betty Crocker. The next culinary bestseller is sure to be Sha'ar Zahav's greatly anticipated cookbook: *Out of Our Kitchen Closets—San Francisco Gay Jewish Cooking*.

Our cookbook is scheduled for release this summer, just in time for CSZ's tenth anniversary celebration. Designed by CSZ friend Paul Quin, it promises to be a useful, entertaining, display-quality publication with a special benefit. Three dollars from every sale will go directly to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation Food Bank.

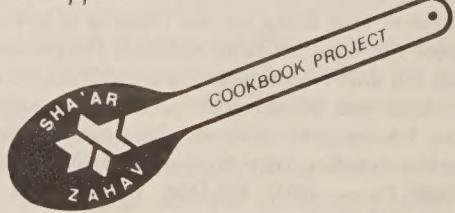
All of the book's 150 recipes were carefully selected by the Cookbook Committee, reviewed by recipe editor and professional chef Todd Rose and overseen by editor-in-chief Ron Moskowitz. In addition to its delicious recipes, *Out of Our Kitchen Closets* includes wonderful anecdotes, complete menus and fascinating Jewish culinary history. Numerous hand-drawn illustrations by Ralph Frischman and others further enliven its pages. And the crowning touch, a delightful narrative by Betty Kalis, captures the essence of Sha'ar Zahav through her personal recollections.

Only 1,000 paperbound copies of this future collectors' item will be printed. So guarantee yourself a copy—and help us get the presses rolling—by completing and returning an Advance Sale Order Form, scheduled to be mailed to you next month.

Pre-publication prices are \$9.95 for CSZ members and \$10.95 for non-members. A limited number of specially bound, personalized "gold edition" cookbooks are also available in advance for \$50 a copy.

Don't miss out on a great cookbook brought to you with joy and love and a chance to contribute to the AIDS Food Bank.

Tov appetit!



How Far We've Come

The 15th Biennial Convention of the Northern California Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (whew!) was held in San Rafael February 27 through March 1, and there was *no* workshop on Judaism and homosexuality! A *shande*, right? An outrage! A clear indication of invidious homophobia. Right?

Wrong. Wrong on all counts. It was a *simcha*, a joy, not a *shande*. It was a wonderful indication of how far we've come in the five years since we joined the UAHC. In the early days we needed to teach our Reform Jewish friends about our lives and the things that concern us. Now they've learned. It simply isn't necessary to have a special session any more. We've moved beyond that, and far sooner than we could have imagined when we first made our presence felt at the 13th Biennial in Stockton four years ago.

So was there a Sha'ar Zahav presence in San Rafael? Only if you consider Irene, Richard, Ben, Leslie, Jerry, Alita, Don, Alex, Rabbi Kahn, the entire CSZ Ensemble in concert, and me a presence.

What did we do there? We led services using our liturgy. We chaired panels, spoke about AIDS and budgets and outreach, studied Torah with our

fellow Jews, heard Leslie talk about enriching the Shabbat, and were elected to leadership positions in the Region. We met the national leaders of our movement, and felt a quiet pride as they praised our congregation for its contributions in so many areas.

We watched as Wendy Tokuda and Richard Hall were honored for their films on Isaac Bashevis Singer and George Burns, and on Jewish-Catholic relations.

Our ensemble sang like angels, and you should have seen the faces in the room while they performed. We will never have better representatives of the Sha'ar Zahav family! Dana—all of you—thank you for what you told the people in that room about who and what we are.

The Sunday morning business meeting passed a strong resolution on AIDS as a way to educate members of the congregations in our region. The resolution and articles on AIDS contributed by us will be sent to all rabbis, congregation presidents, and social action chairs. (*Keeping Posted*, the magazine for Reform Jewish youth, will soon devote an entire issue to the AIDS crisis, with articles by CSZ members, among others.)

It's great to have the support of the Union during this time of crisis. So many people at the convention asked what they could do, how they could help. And we told them. That had to be the most important thing we accomplished in San Rafael.

But when the ensemble sang, well, it was one of those special times to be savored, and retained in the memory. Perhaps it meant more because of the losses we've sustained. For a brief moment the chorus gave us a taste of how good Shabbat—and life—can be.

Now on to Chicago in October for the National UAHC Biennial. More on that later, but if you think you might like to go, tell the synagogue office and I'll give you the details.

—Mike Rankin

Editor's Note: Although he is too modest to mention it, we think our readers should know that Mike was elected a UAHC Regional Vice President for 1987-9. Congratulations Mike!

Election News

The Election Committee spent March finalizing the slate of candidates for the upcoming elections at the May 31 Congregational Meeting. Candidates' statements are being reviewed in preparation for a mailing of election materials to all members in late April. The list of candidates for the four officer and five open Va'ad positions will be announced at that time and in the May *Forward*.

Please note that April 16 is the deadline for submitting (written) requests to the Committee to run as a petition candidate. Qualifications for each office are posted in the oneg room.

—Allan Gold, Chair
Election Committee

Tenth Anniversary Gala

Sha'ar Zahav's Tenth Anniversary Gala will be held at the Green Room of the War Memorial Opera House on Saturday, August 8. The planning committee (Eric Keitel, Mirtha Beal, Ralph Frischman, Sharyn Saslafsky and Andy Zimmerman) has been working diligently to make this event a major highlight of the synagogue year.

The evening will include a professionally catered buffet provided by one of San Francisco's premier catering companies, along with dancing, carousing and all around partying of the highest quality. The committee is currently working on additional entertainment for the event.

Be sure to mark your calendars for August 8, so that we can all celebrate our wonderful synagogue on this momentous anniversary. Read future *Forwards* for further fulminations.

Calendar For 5747

May 1987

- 12 Holocaust Family Album Lecture
- 15-17 Women's Conference
- 17 Lag B'Omer Service
- 31 Congregational Meeting/
Elections

June 1987

- Parade
- Installation of Officers
- 2 Erev Shavuot Service & Potluck
- 21 Women's Havurah
Solstice Pool Party

July 1987

- Leadership Advance
- 2-5 10th International Conference of
Gay & Lesbian Jews, Amsterdam

August 1987

- 4 Tisha B'av
- 8 10th Anniversary Gala

September 1987

- 23 Erev Rosh Hashanah
(10/2—Kol Nidre)

A Place of Honor

On March 6, Sha'ar Zahav's first memorial boards were dedicated, on the west wall of the sanctuary. The generosity of Allan Berenstein and Jerry Rosenstein has given us a fixed place to remember our loved ones in our own shul. "The Memory of the Righteous Is for Blessing."

Rabbi Kahn led a moving dedication service. The Ensemble sang and the new Women's Choir chanted; with each note memories emerged. The boards honor "their love that united us in life, and which death cannot sever."

Allan Berenstein unveiled a plaque in memory of his father, Harry N. Berenstein, who is now remembered in a place of honor in his son's synagogue. Jerry Rosenstein dedicated a plaque in memory of his parents, Max Rosenstein and Sophie (nee) Bendheim, and brothers, Ernst Zeno Rosenstein and Hans Rosenstein. Hans, murdered in the Holocaust, at last has a proper memorial.

Among the individual plaques were memorials for deceased CSZ members: Alan Ellis (lover of Edward Pollock), Mark B. Feldman, Ronald D. Gertz (lover of Howard Blechman), David H. Kotch (lover of Michael Erceg), Duff B. Kreitzberg, Mark R. Landsberger, Rabbi Benjamin Marcus, Theodore G. Mendonca, Jr. (lover of Richard Inlander), Steven Alan Richter and Joseph Zygielbaum.

Information regarding our memorial boards and other memorials is easily obtained by calling the synagogue office.

Alan Ellis 1953-1987

There's a voice missing at the synagogue, and in the SF Symphony Chorus and SF Gay Men's Chorus. Our friend and member Alan Ellis died of AIDS on February 15. He is survived by his lover, CSZ member Edward Pollock, and many friends.

Alan was born on July 16, 1953. He came to us from New York City, after a cross-country journey with stints as a salmon packer in Alaska and an apple picker in Washington state. He loved music, telephones, hamburgers, and his lover and friends. We will miss him.

Shabbat With the Elderly

On February 20, twenty-five elderly Jews living in the Tenderloin district and several Sha'ar Zahav members got together for an afternoon of singing, talking and celebrating Shabbat at a special "Tenderloin Shabbat" luncheon. This annual event is sponsored by Sha'ar Zahav, in conjunction with the San Francisco Jewish Family and Children's Services. "It was a great success," Allyce Kimerling said. "A lot of people came up to us and said that they enjoyed our presence, especially the singing."

Leslie Bergson, Steve Elman, Allyce Kimerling, Ellen Kugler, Shirley Liberman, Michael McCormack and Rabbi Kahn participated in this mitzvah.

Camp Swig Reunion

To celebrate its 36th summer, UAHC Camp Swig (known originally as Camp Saratoga) is looking for all past campers and staff to participate in an all-summers, all-sessions, and all-staff reunion on August 9. The reunion, held at the camp, will include a dance and music presentation, art displays, a 36-year retrospective, a tour of the camp, and meeting old friends. For further information, send your name and address, and the year(s) you were at the camp, to Reunion Committee, UAHC Camp Swig, 703 Market Street, Suite 1300, SF 94103.

Office Notes

My job title has been changed from Secretary to Office Manager. This change reflects more fully the myriad responsibilities of the work I do for and with Sha'ar Zahav. This job is a challenge of meeting the diverse needs of the leadership and members. The work entails organizing, generating, creating systems that enhance the work of the congregation. I work for—as well as with—the leadership at their request and by self-initiation. I coordinate responsibilities, organize business, disseminate information, make referrals, accomplish clerical tasks, as well as various other secretarial and administrative duties. I am pleased to lend my work to Sha'ar Zahav, and to have the recognition and clarification that comes from the new title of Office Manager.

I need a little help! Love to type, file, stuff envelopes? Have I got a job for you! Any volunteers? I am making a list of people willing to do these and various other tasks because periodically I need help with such work. If interested, call me at 861-6932.

—Jacqueline Letalien

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13	12 Women's Havurah Magnes Museum, 11am	14 Erev Pesach First Seder	15 Pesach Second Seder Community Seder Lehr's Greenhouse, 750 Sutter, 6pm	16 17 18 Bikkur Cholim Comm. 7:30pm	16 17 18 Services, 8:15pm	19 20 21 Children's Havurah Mini-Seder 11am-1pm
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Ritual Calendar

Friday, April 3

Parshah: Vayikra
Dana Vinicoff & Nancy Snow

Friday, April 10

Shabbat Hagadol
Shabbat of Sanctuary
Parshah: Tzav
Rabbi Yoel Kahn & Shana Winokur

Tuesday, April 14

Congregational Second Night Seder
Lehr's Greenhouse Restaurant
6:00 pm

Friday, April 17

Shabbat Chol Hamo'ed Pesach
Daniel Chesir
The Haftarah will be read

Friday, April 24

Yom Hashoah observance
Parshah: Shemini
Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Saturday, April 25

Morning Service, 10:30 am
Leslie Bergson

Friday, May 1

Parshot: Tazria-Metzora
Mike Rankin

JCF Telethon

Super Sunday, held on February 22, was a super success. This year, the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma counties garnered 20 percent more in pledges to support its many community, national and international projects. The Sha'ar Zahav delegation was led by Mike Rankin, our UAHC Liaison and president of the Jewish Physicians Organization of the JCF. Our thanks to all who made CSZ an important part of this yearly event.

Birthdays

- 2 Victoria B.
- 6 Roberta W.
- 7 Judy Macks
- 7 Gordon Osser
- 12 Peter Abinanti
- 12 Gershon Lieberman
- 12 Terry Rothchild
- 13 Marilyn Braiger
- 13 Jay Cohen
- 14 Bruce Hansen
- 15 Luana Willis
- 16 Glenn Stoller
- 18 Ethan Inlander
- 19 Alita Rosenfeld
- 20 Bill Ashley-Dobbin
- 20 Leonard Brill
- 22 Barak Gale
- 23 Eli Weinstein
- 26 Sarah Comerchero
- 27 Nanci Stern
- 28 Bob Berkowitz
- 29 Shirley Liberman



From the Treasurer

It has been a productive and busy year. By July 1, or shortly thereafter, our new computer should be in place, facilitating the work of future Treasurers.

All members still owing dues for the last quarter received a statement dated April 1, 1987. These balances for the 1986-87 fiscal year are now due. Everyone's cooperation is requested to have all payments at the synagogue office not later than June 10.

On another note, all Committee Chairs and others who process invoices, could you possibly try to get these invoices, as well as reimbursements due you or members of your Committees, into the office by June 15 at the latest? That would give me a chance to have a year-end statement ready, and go to Amsterdam unburdened by guilt about unfinished tasks.

Thank you all for your cooperation. Any questions? Call me at 921-0581.

—Jerry Rosenstein, Treasurer

Sanctuary

\$1,000 toward our \$3,000 goal. Just indicate on your check that it is a donation for the Sanctuary Fund.

Or, you can do a number of other things. You can work on Sanctuary issues by joining the Social Action Committee, which meets the second Thursday at 7:30 pm at the synagogue. You can contact the San Francisco Sanctuary Coalition directly at 282-2636.

You can work with many other groups. You can donate money, food, or the use of a truck to Grupo de la Comida (Food Group). Call Beth Abrams at 282-6177 to find out where you can bring donations of tortillas, beans, white rice, eggs and milk.

Also, you can support CRECE, the Central American Refugee Committee, 1050 South Van Ness, Room 21, San Francisco, 94110, by donating money for food and rent for refugees.

And at this spring festival time, you can participate in a specifically Jewish event, the Chometz Project, through which you can donate your chometz before Passover by bringing it to the

Oneg Sponsors

During February, onegs were sponsored by the following generous people:

- 6 Walter Palmer, in appreciation for the Congregation's support for him during his recent hospitalization
- 13 Leila Raim & Catherine Wisniewski, in honor of Jerry Rosenstein because he's so wonderful
- 20 The Va'ad, in honor of the Cookbook Committee
- 27 Martin Weinstein, Arthur Fogelman, Rusty Vega & Sam Coco, in celebration of Walter Palmer's special birthday

All you have to do to sponsor an oneg is to think of the occasion and contact the synagogue office (861-6932). The cost of sponsoring a complete oneg is \$80 or, for partial sponsorship, \$50. You can also provide the food, flowers, etc. for a more personal touch.

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San Francisco Jewish Community Center from March 29 through April 13. Shosh Blachman at 655-1228 can tell you other drop-off points around the Bay.

And be sure to join us on April 10 for the Sanctuary Shabbat service.

—Janine Baer, with Ami Zusman for the Social Action Committee

Please,

don't forget our brothers in need. Keep filling the shul's collection baskets with non-perishable food and other household items for the SF AIDS Foundation's residence program.

Community Mitzvot

Sha'ar Zahav is proud of the contributions of our members and our community to the realization of the Coming Home Hospice on Diamond Street. The hospice will care for people with AIDS and other life-threatening conditions who need more assistance than they can receive at home, but less than in a hospital. This hospice is the first of its kind in the nation, and was made possible through the efforts of the Coming Home and SF Hospice organizations.

Among major donors were CSZ members Walt Leiss, who dedicated the main lounge in memory of Sha'ar Zahav members who have died of AIDS, and Al Baum, who donated funds for a private room. Through the efforts of David Stein, the Showplace Square Showroom Association provided most of the furnishings for the 15 rooms and two lounges in the facility.

Surgeon General Everett Koop visited the hospice, and termed it "precisely the kind of facility we are going to need in our war to provide compassionate care to the enormous numbers of people who will be coming down with AIDS in the years to come." He called it a "model of what could be done nationally."

Hebrew Free Loan Association

The Hebrew Free Loan Association of San Francisco, which has provided 90 years of continuous service to the Bay Area's Jewish community, recently observed *Shabbat Mishpatim*. This is the time when the Torah calls upon Jews "not to exact interest from the needy." This Biblical injunction has guided the HFLA in helping over a quarter of a million Jews to remain self-supporting, self-respecting members of the community. The local HFLA is one of many in dozens of cities throughout the US and Canada, representing a resurgence of the free loan ethic, a 4,000 year old tradition.

The synagogue office has received brochures from the association describing its programs, criteria and requirements. Copies are available at the shul.

Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions, of all sizes, to mark any event, and to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless requested otherwise.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors:

General Fund

David Stein, in memory of Ben & Yetta Shuchat

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Jonathan Funk, in honor of Harvey Bartnof's birthday and the birth of Leora Chaya Erdarf

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Cheryl Orvis, in honor of Sharyn Saslawsky's appointment to the Democratic State Central Committee and in honor of Leila Raim and Sissy Wisniewski

Linda Michels, in memory of Kurt Stutzman

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So Ask Aunt Yente

Dear Kinderlach,

So at our seder last year, Aunt Yente gave the *Maos Chittim* appeal. But Aunt Yente is *takke* such a shy, softspoken person, that while some were generous, others didn't hear. So this year, Rabbi Kahn will talk, and to him you better listen.

But you think Aunt Yente won't get her two cents in? So two things. First, you shouldn't confuse *Maos Chittim* with helping the synagogue. *Maos Chittim* ("Money for Wheat") goes only to feed the hungry. The shul you need to support *also*, so that next year there can also be a *Maos Chittim* appeal, a Seder, a rabbi to visit Ward 5B, a place to pray.

But *Maos Chittim* you must also give. The seder begins with *Hoh Lachmoh*, a very old prayer which says "let all who are hungry come and eat." This is very important; but *nebbech* it doesn't mean anything unless it comes with the *Maos Chittim*, so that feeding the hungry is part of the seder. To say *Hoh Lachmoh*, to offer to share with the hungry, and then to do nothing, would be disgusting. (You should pardon the expression.) So Aunt Yente is sure that all of her kinderlach will remember this Pesach to give at least something to *Maos Chittim*—even the ones not at the shul's seder. (And *why* not, Aunt Yente would like to know?)

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Dear Aunt Yente,

So how do I make *shmaltz* (and what is it, anyway)?

Hungry in the Haight

Dear Hungry,

What a fine question. *Shmaltz* is a Jewish secret of happiness, a small creamy bit of the world to come that smells of garlic. You shouldn't eat too much, unless you want to change from Hungry in the Haight to, *nebbech*, Zaffig at Zims; but if you use *shmaltz* as the fat in any kind of savory dish, you will get a wonderful taste, and your kitchen will smell like springtime in Rumania. (Airwick can help.)

So how do you make it? So you take raw chicken fat and maybe skin (this you can store up, wrapped in the freezer), clean and dry it. So how much fat? So how much *shmaltz* do

you want? Aunt Yente uses three handfuls to get, maybe, a cup *shmaltz*.

Cut into little cubes, and while you're at it so cube a nice onion, and chop up some garlic. (So how much garlic? So how close do you stand to people? Maybe four, five nice cloves.) You have an oven that can be set 425? So put it in, uncovered.

Every once in a while you stir. In about half an hour, when it starts getting brown, you should watch. The onion should end up colored halfway between spongecake and honeycake. If not brown enough, the flavor is *shvach*; but if too dark, it will taste burned, and you'll throw it out and use Crisco. *Nebbech*.

When you like the color, so let it cool a little, and strain through a clean piece cloth into a jar. (It shouldn't be so hot it should crack the glass.) If liquid separates at the bottom, pour the *shmaltz* off into another jar. Covered in your refrigerator, the *shmaltz* will last a little longer than your refrigerator.

The solids left in the strainer are called *grieven*. If you don't want it, your Aunt Yente does (just mail it care of the *Forward*); but instead you should save it in the freezer. In pot roast or mashed potatoes it gives a *taam* that comes only from completely giving up on your arteries; and if your health insurance is paid up, you can even eat some straight (you should pardon the expression) on matzoh or bread.

Aunt Yente

Remember to keep us up to date. If you've moved, changed your name, have a new phone number, or wish to add a listing to our yahrzeit or anniversary records, please call or write the synagogue office.

Dear Aunt Yente,

So I made your *shmaltz*. So now what do I do with it?

Still Hungry in the Haight

Dear Hungry,

No, no. You did not make your Aunt Yente's *shmaltz*. She made it all herself, and she's proud of every bit (except for *takke* a little around the hips, but to get rid of this she is planning an aerobic seder: "Who knows one? two, three"). But your own *shmaltz*, Aunt Yente is happy to tell you what to do with; also she will share a favorite seder recipe, for Matzoh Farfel.

You'll take a pound box matzoh farfel; two eggs; a big onion, diced; two or three tablespoons *shmaltz*; and six glasses water with enough salt and pepper. (You'll taste.) A small handful *grieven* is optional, but you'll thank Aunt Yente for it.

Earlier in the day, beat two eggs and mix them evenly through the farfel until all absorbed. Let dry (at least an hour). Put everything else in a big covered pot.

Just before the seder, boil it and add the farfel. Turn the light down very low, and cover. At the Four Questions, check to see if is enough water; usually there is, but if it is too dry (it should look like stuffing) add a half-glass water.

Stir every so often, and let cook until after Moror (about an hour). Then eat in good health. Yield: Too much.

Aunt Yente

(So if you don't have *shmaltz*, you could brown some onion and garlic in oil, and use three tablespoons of the oil, but Aunt Yente makes no guarantees.)

Aunt Yente will answer all your questions about Jewish law and ritual matters. Just write to Aunt Yente in care of the *Forward*, 220 Danvers at Caselli, San Francisco, CA 94114. All material Copyright © 1987 Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

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Yahrzeits

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4 Ron Gertz, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
6 (7 Nisan) Rosel Heilbrunn, grandmother of Randy Heilbrunn
6 Rebecca Nutes, grandmother of Barry Siegel
7 (8 Nisan) Max Pechter, father of Bernard Pechter
8 (9 Nisan) Betty Litowich, grandmother of Jonathan Goldman
9 (10 Nisan) Max Radetsky, grandfather of Allan Berenstein
10 Betty Litowich, grandmother of Michael Lipson
11 (12 Nisan) Brina Chudacoff, grandmother of Gordon Osser
12 (13 Nisan) Pauline Kohlhagen Cahn, mother of Isabel Fishman
12 Anna Harris, grandmother of Allen Harris
14 (15 Nisan) Berle Glusberg, father of Yoram Gal
14 (15 Nisan) Rebecca Glusberg, mother of Yoram Gal
14 Frank Blazewick, nephew of Joan Blazewick
15 Edward Heilbrunn, father of Randy Heilbrunn
19 (20 Nisan) Josef Ha-Cohen Chesir, grandfather of Daniel Chesir
23 Ben Ross, grandfather of Devorah Bat-Ha'Yah
25 Irving Brill, father of Leonard Brill
25 Carol Eberly Frantz, sister-in-law of Rena Frantz
25 Gertrude Shulock, grandmother of Cindy Icke
26 (27 Nisan) Morris Goldman, grandfather of Jonathan Goldman
26 (27 Nisan) Hans Rosenstein, brother of Jerry Rosenstein
27 James Howard Tishler, friend of Howard Bobren
30 Abraham Kaven, grandfather of Allyce Kimerling
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Note: Yahrzeits will be read at services on the Friday preceding the Yahrzeit date.

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Sha'ar Zahav Funds

Sha'ar Zahav's health is founded on a good spiritual and fiscal base. The Finance Committee wishes to remind all members and friends of the congregation of the various funds that are available for your support. Any reason is a good reason for contributions: a birthday, anniversary, yahrzeit, simcha, etc., etc. You may specify which fund your gift is to be dedicated to. Our funds are:

The General Fund: underwrite the ongoing activities and committee programs of the congregation.

The Building Fund: mortgage payments and building improvements.

The Education Fund: cover the costs of teachers for classes, books and learning materials, film programs, lecturer stipends, etc.

The Harvey Milk Social Action Fund: contributions to social causes that the synagogue wishes to lend support to—for example, aid to Ethiopian Jewry, Soviet Jewry, and San Francisco Jewish Family and Children's Services.

The Library Fund: development of a reference library for our congregation.

The AIDS Fund: assistance of members and friends diagnosed with AIDS and support of AIDS-related educational and humanitarian projects in our community.

The Prayer Book Fund: underwrite the costs of writing, revising and publishing our prayerbooks.

The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: supports *tzedakah* and special needs in the congregation and the community.

The Torah Fund: purchase of a new torah and adornments for our congregation.

Contributions are acknowledged by letter and in the *Forward*, and the person being honored also receives a card announcing the gift. All donations to Sha'ar Zahav are tax deductible.

Naches

Congratulations to **Alita Rosenfeld** for her nomination as Sportswoman of the Year in Track and Field in the prestigious Cable Car Awards.

Mazel tov to **Carol Cohen** and **Sandra B.** on the birth of their daughter, **Hannah**.

Congratulations to **Rick Crane**, on his election to the GGBA Foundation Board of Directors.

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We'd all like to share in the *naches* of members of our Sha'ar Zahav family. If you or someone you know has something special to share with *Forward* readers, please contact the synagogue office.

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Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm, with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the last Saturday of each month at 10:30 am—check calendar for each month.

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Greetings from Israel

Last fall Ron Lezell, past board member and treasurer—if you can remember that far back—moved to Israel for a while. Those of us who have lived there know that that experience can be a powerful and wonderful one.

The hills of Judea where Ron is currently living have invigorated his spirit, and Ron has sent the *Forward* a long letter about the feelings and pressures he feels as a modern American Jew confronting Israel's religion, politics and society.

While the letter is too long to share in these pages, copies have been made available in the *Oneg Room*. It is fine reading, and may raise interest in travelling there, perhaps through the tour associated with this July's World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jews conference in Amsterdam.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

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